

Louisville Metro Planning Commission

2012 Annual Report



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Introduction

Louisville Metro Planning Commission

The purpose of the Planning Commission shall be to direct the economic growth and physical development of Jefferson County and the communities therein, and to guide such development in such a manner as to assure the prosperity, health, safety, morals and general welfare of the county and its communities.

2012 Planning Commissioners

Donnie Blake, Chairman	Greg Scheer
Vince Jarboe	David Tomes
Robert Kirchdorfer	Clifford Turner
Ventra Mapp	Paula Wahl
David Proffitt, Vice Chairman	Chip White

2012 Planning Commission Committees

Land Development & Transportation

Donnie Blake, Chair
Paula Wahl, Vice Chair
Clifford Turner
Ventra Mapp
Greg Scheer

Development Review Committee

Paula Wahl, Chair
David Tomes, Vice Chair
Robert Kirchdorfer
Vince Jarboe
Chip White

Site Inspection Committee

All Commissioners – rotating assignment

Planning Committee

Robert Kirchdorfer, Chair
Paula Wahl, Vice Chair
Clifford Turner
Chuck Kavanaugh
Barbara Kelly
Lula Howard

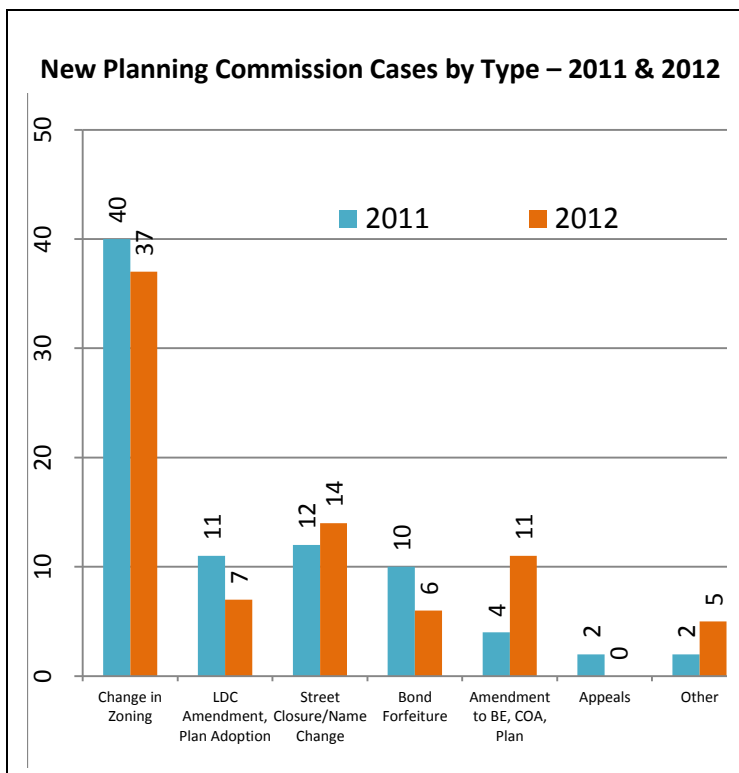
Policies & Procedures Committee

David Tomes, Chair
Paula Wahl, Vice Chair
Glenn A. Price, Jr.
Jon Baker
Steve Porter
Chip White
David Proffitt

No significant changes occurred to the Planning Commission or its Committee in 2012 except for the resignation of Commissioner Ventra Mapp.

Workload – Planning Commission

- The Planning Commission conducted a total of 26 meetings in 2012 compared to 29 in 2011. This does not include committee meetings of any type. Twenty-two (22) were regular public hearings, two (2) were special public hearings conducted in the evening, and two (2) were a special meeting.
- The Commission spent a total of 67 hours (compared to 78 hours in 2011 and 130 hours in 2010) conducting these meetings, resulting in an average time per meeting of approximately 2 hours 35 minutes (2 hours 41 minutes 2011). The longest meeting lasted 5 hours 7 minutes and the shortest meeting was 2 minutes in length (special meeting to approve minutes).
- A total of 85 cases (compared to 86 cases in 2011) were considered by the Planning Commission during 2012. Eighty (80) were new and five (5) were repeat cases.



- Change in Zoning (CIZ) – Of the 37 CIZ new cases, two (2) were deferred and not completed in 2012. Thirty-five (35) were recommended for approval to legislative bodies by the Planning Commission. Of these 35 cases, six (6) were CIZ with development plans only; twenty-nine (29) involved other requests, including Preliminary Subdivision (2); Conditional Use Permit (6); Variance (19) and Waiver (38). None of the CIZ cases were associated with a Change in Form District.

- Street Closure/Street Name Change cases increased from 12 in 2011 to 14 in 2012. There were no appeal cases in 2012.

- Amendments to binding elements, condition of approval or development plans also showed an increase in total numbers.
- Housing – A total of 2,077 new housing units/lots were approved in 2012 (compared to 263 in 2011) by either the Planning Commission or the Land Development and

Transportation Committee (LD&T). The Planning Commission approved 1,761 new housing units in 2012 (compared to 207 in 2011), all were proposed apartment units. LD&T approved 316 new housing units/lots (compared to 56 in 2011).

Workload – Land Development & Transportation Committee (LD&T)

- A total of 19 LD&T meetings (compared to 21 meetings in 2011) were held in 2012. The average meeting time was 1 hour 31 minutes per meeting compared to one hour per meeting in 2011.
- The Committee reviewed a total of 69 cases (62 in 2011), 66 of which were new cases. Of the 69 cases, 37 were change in zoning cases, 8 were street closures/name changes, four (4) were preliminary subdivision plans, seven (7) were waiver cases, six (6) were development plan cases, four (4) were binding element amendments, two (2) were revised record plats and 1 was a land development code amendment.
- Of the 66 new cases, 41 cases were sent to the full Planning Commission meetings for a public hearing. Seventeen (17) were approved by the Committee. Three (3) were recommended to other municipalities for approval. Four (4) cases were continued or deferred. One (1) case was denied by the Committee.

Workload – Development Review Committee (DRC)

- A total of 21 meetings were held in 2012 (compared to 24 meetings in 2010). The average meeting time was 1 hour 44 minutes per meeting (compared to 1 hour 37 minutes in 2011).
- A total of 112 cases were heard by the DRC committee in 2012 (139 cases in 2011), 105 were new cases and 7 were old cases.
- Of the 105 new cases, 67 were single request cases, 58 cases had multiple requests.
- The great majority of cases were approved or recommended for approval, two (2) cases were denied by DRC in 2012.
- Seventy-one (71) of the 109 waivers were landscaping waivers.

Workload – Site Inspection Committee

The Site Inspection Committee conducted 12 site visits (compared to 14 site visits in 2011) and inspected 32 sites (compared to 36 sites in 2011) on rezoning cases in 2012. On average, the Committee inspected 3 sites per visit.

Workload – Planning Committee

The Planning Committee conducted four (4) meetings with an average meeting time of 1 hour 22 minutes. The Committee reviewed a total of eight (8) new cases (compared to 18 cases in 2011): two (2) cases on Land Development Code amendments, four (4) cases on Neighborhood Plans/Area Studies and two area-wide rezoning cases.

Workload – Policies and Procedures Committee

The Policies and Procedures Committee held two meetings during 2012 with an average meeting time of 1 hour 35 minutes per meeting. The Committee recommended revised Planning Commission Bylaws and Policies, which the Commission adopted on February 2, 2012.

Training Program/Courses Presented

January 18 – Resilient Planning Agencies, APA sponsored audio/web conference

February 15 – Historic Preservation Districts and Landmarks, Conducted by David Marchal, Metro Codes and Regulations

February 2 – Training on Neighborhood Planning, Conducted by Ken Baker

February 29 – Overlay Districts, Conducted by Bob Keesaer, Metro Planning and Design Services

March 14 – Urban Agriculture & Food Systems Planning – APA sponsored audio/web conference

March 21 – Meeting Management and Due Process –Conducted by Jon Baker, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

March 29 – Non-conforming Uses and Enforcement – Conducted by Jon Baker (Assistant County Attorney) and April Robbins (Metro Codes and Regulations)

April 18 – Hearing an Appeal – Conducted by Steve Hendrix (Metro Planning and Design Services) and Jon Baker (Assistant County Attorney)

May 2 – Monetizing Sustainability – APA sponsored audio/web conference

May 23 – Amending Land Development Code Regulations – Conducted by Jon Baker (Assistant County Attorney) and Mike Hill (Metro Planning and Design Services)

June 6 – Adapting Cities to Climate Change – APA sponsored audio/web conference

June 20 – Green Infrastructure – Conducted by Wes Sydnor, MSD

June 27 – Planning Law Review, APA sponsored audio/web conference

July 9 – KIPDA Regional Transportation Planning, Conducted by KIPDA Staff

August 17 – Visit with Metro Nashville / Davidson County Planning Department staff and Director

September 20 -21 – Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference – Princeton, KY

September 19 -21 – Ohio / Kentucky / Indiana Regional APA Conference – Columbus, OH

September 26 – Vehicle Miles Traveled – APA sponsored web lecture

October 7 – 9 – Big City Planning Directors Institute, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, Massachusetts

October 10 – Planning Mistakes: Assessing, Learning, Adapting –APA sponsored audio/web conference

November 7 – Ethics and Food Systems Planning – APA sponsored audio/web conference

December 5 – Design Guidelines for Historic Neighborhoods – APA sponsored web lecture

Staffing

Planning & Design Services experienced some staff changes in 2012 as listed in the following:

- Long-Range Planning Team was moved to the department of Economic Growth and Innovation
- Richard Jett retired from the Historic Preservation Officer position
- Cynthia Johnson was promoted to Historic Preservation Officer
- Becky Gorman was hired as a Historic Preservation Specialist
- Bob Keesaer was promoted to Planning and Design Supervisor/Urban Design Administrator from Project Architect
- Mike Hill was promoted to Planning Coordinator from Planner II
- Emily Liu was promoted to Assistant Director from Planning and Design Supervisor
- Joe Reverman was promoted to Planning and Design Supervisor from Planner II
- Dave Wagner was promoted to Planner II from Planner I
- Matt Doyle was promoted to Planner I from Associate Planner
- Ann Cromwell moved to the Transportation Planning Division while Andrea Lauago moved back to Planning and Design Services

Notable Projects / Actions in 2012

- Round One of the Land Development Code Revisions was completed and recommended to Metro Council for approval.
- Round Two of the Land Development Code Revisions began with 106 committee meetings conducted.
- Planning and Design Services' website was updated.
- Planning Commission Bylaws and Policies were updated and adopted.
- Development review process improvement has begun.
- A pilot "fast track" rezoning project review, Parkland Scholar House, was completed by PDS in three months.
- A new file tracking procedure for the PDS library was implemented.
- A report entitled "Zoning Process Review" was completed by the Zucker Systems with funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies.